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Occupants In France

Accompanying this article are drawings depicting the general physical characteristics of four "occupants" observed on the 29th of August 1967. This information was contained in the French language periodical "Phenomenes Spatiaux" which can be obtained at the following address by anyone who wishes to subscribe: G.E.P.A. 69, rue de la Tombe-Issoire, Paris, 14e, France. This incident, although witnessed only by children, is most interesting, especially in view of the fact that it took place in the daytime:

On the date mentioned, Francois Depleuch, 13½ and his sister Anne Marie, 9, accompanied by their dog Medor, were looking after a herd of cows near their home on the plateau of Cantal, at the village of Cussac, which is 20 kilometers WSW of Saint-Flour. At 10:30 a.m., the cows were about to jump over a low wall and Francois climbed up on a pile of stones whereupon he saw, on the other side of a hedge, about 40 meters (150 feet) away, what he thought were four children whom he did not recognize. They appeared strange—they and their clothing are completely black and have a silken look. No features were visible. Near the four figures was a large, extremely brilliant sphere which shone so much it was difficult to look at.

One of the small creatures was bending over and seemed to be busying himself with something on the ground, while another, holding an object which reflects the sun like a mirror, waved his hands and seemed to be making signs to his companions.

At this point Francois called out: "Are you coming to play with us?" At that moment the creatures, who did not seem interested in the children, seemed to realize that they were being watched.

The first figure "flew up" vertically and dived head first into the top of the sphere. The second followed him in the same manner and the third one, after standing up, did the same. (See drawings for sequence of events). The fourth figure rose off the ground, came down again, appeared to pick up something, then he took off again and caught up with the sphere which, during this time, had begun to rise, describing small circles and had reached a height of

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Czech Scientist's Views Of UFOs

Dr. Ludvik Soucek, writing in SVET V OBRAZECH ("World in Pictures"), No. 49,50 (1967) had quite a few things to say about the possible reality and origin of UFOs. The first part of the article "The Mystery of Flying Saucers" dealt with historical matter including the Kenneth Arnold, Captain Mantell and 1952 Washington, D.C. sightings. After dealing with the historical aspect, Soucek took off on some intelligent speculation and some remarks about his own experiences in investigating UFO information. He said that in a conversation with a commander in the Czechoslovak Radar Corps he had been told that fast-moving unidentified objects had been tracked on Czech radars many times. The Commander also said that this information was not given to the public because "we don't want to cause a panic."

Dr. Soucek cited six possible explanations for UFOs: 1. Hallucinations and hoaxes (he concludes that most of the cases are undoubtedly these); 2. Natural Phenomena (he says that they are a very frequent source of reports and cites planets as often causing UFO reports); 3. Secret Weapons. Here Dr. Soucek speculates about the possibility that the UFOs are secret craft devised by the Nazis and spirited out of Germany before the Third Reich fell in 1945. Supporting this, he cites the disappearance of Nazi designers of specialized experimental crafts, appearances of the UFOs near rocket bases during the war (in the vicinity of Peenmunde specifically), appearances of UFOs over South America where many Nazis are supposed to be hiding, the fact that UFOs appear to avoid inhabited areas, the unexplained disappearance of several German Freight U-boats capable of taking up to 850 metric tons each, the disappearance of several long distance planes from Tempelhof Air Base with flight plans to Spain and documentation to South America, and last, but not least, the disappearance of a huge amount of several tens of millions of marks in hard currency, gold and precious stones from the Reichsbank shortly before the end of the war.

4. Man-made products (balloons, airplanes, satellites, etc.). Soucek states his conviction that many reports are gener-

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We have heard, in the course of the past 21 years, of many UFO residuals which although exhaustively investigated and analyzed, prove almost as puzzling after analysis as they did before, but the following case is one of the most intriguing.

On the 18th of May, 1968, at 5 a.m. C. S. Dos Santos, a night watchman at Caconde, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, returned home from his nightly work and found, in the courtyard of his house, a very curious object which was partly buried in the ground. It was quite heavy (comparable to a car battery) of grey polished metal, had no seams or rivets or screws showing and was cylinder-shaped and about the size of a medium-sized powdered milk can. At each end of the cylinder were dials which looked to Dos Santo like manometers. One dial displayed a black hand and the other a red one. These dials appeared to be encased under a glass or plastic lens and Dos Santos observed embossed figures on them arranged in a semi-circle. He thought they resembled our arabic numerals.

Above each figure there were other signs which Dos Santos could not decipher, and, being curious, he took the object into the house with him. His wife said she thought it might be a time-bomb and did not want it about, but Dos Santos put it on the floor and allowed their small son to handle it.

As was his custom, Dos Santos breakfasted and then went to bed, but before retiring he put the object on the slat-windowsill of the bathroom. After getting up that evening, he went to work at his usual time, having completely forgotten about the object. At about 1 a.m., Dos Santos went back home to check on his wife who was pregnant and was surprised to find all the doors and windows open and the house brightly lit. Neighbors were outside with his wife, and both Mrs. Dos Santos and their son were in a very agitated state. Mrs. Dos Santos then told her husband of the strange events of the night.

She had been awakened by a sound like the "buzz of a big transformer" and a feeling of intense and stifling heat, despite the bitter cold of the night. She decided to get up and switch off the main electric switches, fearing that there had been a short circuit. As she left the bedroom, she noted a bright bluish light coming from the little bathroom, from

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Staff Changes

We call attention to changes in APRO's International Staff as follows: Professor

Flavio Pereira, of Sao Paulo, President of CBPCOANI (Brazilian Commission for the Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects) will act as APRO's Representative for Brazil, and his efforts will be supplemented by Mrs. Irene Granchi, who will furnish translations. Mrs. Granchi who is an English teacher, speaks and reads several languages, and we are most grateful for her cooperation. Professor Pereira is also President of IBACE (Brazilian Institute of Astronautics and Space Sciences), the Director of the Superior School of Science of Sao Paulo, and a member of the Brazilian International Institute of Space Law, as well as a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Because of his very busy schedule, we are grateful that Professor Pereira consented to act in this capacity for APRO, and are certain that he will carry on in the fine tradition of Dr. Olavo Fontes' great contributions to the UFO field. Pereira was a close friend and colleague of Dr. Fontes and has proposed to found the "Olavo T. Fontes Forum" in memory of our departed friend. Professor Pereira authored the excellent Portuguese language book, "O Livro Vermelho dos Discos Voadores" (The Red Reference Book of Flying Saucers").

Mr. Richard Guillou, of Santiago, Chile has reluctantly resigned his post as Representative in Chile due to pressure of his architectural commitments, and Mr. Pablo Petrovich has kindly agreed to join the staff. Mr. Petrovich is well known in his country as a dependable and scientifically oriented UFO researcher and will be a valuable addition. When time and space permits, complete dossiers as well as photos of Professor Pereira, Mrs. Granchi and Mr. Petrovich will be published in the Bulletin so that members can acquaint themselves with the qualifications of these individuals.

Mr. Rodolfo Acosta Sanchez has recently joined APRO and has consented to represent APRO in Costa Rica, where some activity has taken place recently.

The staff would like to thank Mr. Richard Greenwell, for his herculean efforts on our behalf in South America. Since joining APRO a little over a year ago, he has done much to acquire information on sightings on the continent as well as to coordinate investigations and extend APRO's membership there. We also would like to congratulate Mr. Greenwell on his new book (in Spanish) which will be published some time this fall and will be available throughout Latin America. The name and price and where it will be available for purchase will be published in the Bulletin.

An Apology

Several incidents of the summer of 1968 have caused the current delay in issuance of the APRO Bulletin. In addition to a trip to New York where Mrs. Lorenzen appeared on "To Tell the

Truth" and an accident involving Mr. Lorenzen in August in which he suffered a broken arm, many reports and the ensuing investigations have been very time-consuming. The added responsibility for Mrs. Lorenzen as a result of Mr. Lorenzen's incapacitation for a time set the publishing schedule back somewhat but it is hoped that the September-October issue will be on time and mailed on or about the first of November.

If plans which are underway at this time come to fruition as expected some exclusive news involving one of the first real forward steps in UFO research will be published in the next issue.

APRO's Status Quo

Members occasionally inquire considering APRO's membership status and the general "health" of the corporation, and we will take this opportunity to describe as briefly as possible how the organization in general is faring.

At present the membership exceeds 4,000 and is climbing toward 5,000. We would like to ask the members, however, to make use of the membership blank which comprises a part of the Bulletin cover, and bring in one additional member for in view of the widespread interest in the subject, it seems quite likely that the membership could be brought up to 10,000 before Spring, 1969, if each of us brings in one additional member.

The "physical" status of APRO is very good. It has been decided to keep the offices in the present location (the Lorenzen home) for the time being, instead of re-locating in leased offices elsewhere. There are two reasons for this: First, the present location guarantees access of the members to staff members on a 24-hour basis. Secondly, although APRO's financial condition is stable, it is felt that in order to employ adequate office help and take care of any contingencies, considerable funds can be saved by staying in the present quarters.

These quarters consist of: A 25x9-foot sunporch where the membership secretary and steno work. The addressograph machine, plate files, card files and rotary files as well as correspondence and application blank files are housed in this office which also has one manual and one electric typewriter, two work tables, a large desk, the photo files, a Pitney-Bowes copier and the postage machine. All mailing is done from this room, including correspondence. Bulletin stock and stationery, etc., is also stored here.

The second office is a 10x13-foot room which houses two desks, the organization's library, a safe, and six filing cabinets. This is the "nerve center" of APRO where sighting files are stored and catalogued. At the present time a cross-indexing of all periodicals (which go back

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to 1952 when APRO was founded), technical papers and case files is being carried out.

The third room, which was recently added, is a large, (18x13 feet) glassed-in room which leads out to the Lorenzen's patio and swimming pool. Here most of the editorial work is done and conferences held. The entire Lorenzen home, including offices is air-conditioned by refrigeration, making ideal working conditions for employees of APRO.

In addition to the aforementioned office equipment, APRO owns four tape recorders: a large, old-fashioned two-speed recorder, a portable, battery-supplied model, a Cassette cartridge-type and a tape deck which will accommodate any size of tape at any speed. The latter is an independent stereo unit or can be played through any stereo system.

Much of the equipment belonging to APRO has been acquired bit by bit through the years so that at the present time we feel that the organization is well equipped. The house telephone as well as the office telephone (with extensions) enable the staff to accommodate two calls at once if necessary.

This may not sound terribly impressive from the standpoint of offices, but considering the fact that the organization started in the corner of the Lorenzen living room 17 years ago when the field of UFO Research was non-existent, we feel that quite a bit of progress has been made.

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which the noise apparently was emanating also. Frightened, she decided to call the neighbors and did so immediately. The neighbors had just gotten over to her yard, heard the sound and saw the light when they heard a very loud noise like tiles breaking. Immediately after this sound was heard the heat stopped and the light in the house went out.

After hearing this Dos Santos went into the house to investigate, and in the bathroom he found a hole in the roof, there was tile scattered all over the floor and the object which he had left on the sill was gone.

The indication is, of course, that the object either took off of its own accord, making a hole in the roof as it left, or was somehow taken out of the house. All the witnesses (Mr. and Mrs. Dos Santos and their neighbors) were interviewed and their testimony taken by Dr. Max Berezowsky, M.D., and Dr. Methodius Kalkasieff (Architect) on behalf of the Brazilian Commission for Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects (CBPCOANI) and forwarded to APRO by Professor Flavio Pereira, the organization's president and APRO's rep-

resentative in Brazil. We are indebted also to Mrs. Irene Granchi of Rio de Janeiro, our official Portuguese translator.

Congressional Hearing

On July 29, 1968, the House Committee on Science and Astronautics held a one-day symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects. This particular session of the Committee was chaired by Congressman J. Edward Roush.

Presenting papers at the request of the committee were: 1. Dr. Robert M. L. Baker, Jr., Senior Scientist, System Sciences Corporation; 2. Dr. Robert L. Hall, head of Department of Sociology, University of Illinois (brother of Richard Hall, formerly Deputy Director of NICAP); 3. Dr. James A. Harder, Associate Professor of Fluid Mechanics, University of California at Berkeley (member of APRO Advisory Staff); 4. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Department of Astronomy, Northwestern University, and Scientific Advisor to Project Bluebook; 5. Dr. James E. McDonald, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona and 6. Dr. Carl Sagan, Department of Astronomy, Cornell University.

Among other scientists asked to submit written statements were Dr. R. E. Sprinkle, Associate Professor of Counseling and Testing, University of Wyoming (member of APRO Advisory Staff and associate member of NICAP) and Stan Friedman, (APRO member and officer of the UFO Research Institute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).

If the name of Robert M. L. Baker is new to the reader, the Journal of the Astronautical Sciences, Vol. XV, No. 1, pp. 31-36 January-February 1968 carries his paper, "Observational Evidence of Anomalistic Phenomena" which is an analysis of the UFO motion picture film taken by Nicholas Mariana at Great Falls, Montana on August 19, 1950, based on tests performed at the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1955-56.

We will not attempt to carry a full report on this hearing since a complete report has been published and is available on request through your congressman. We urge you to request a copy of this report immediately to help demonstrate public interest in this subject to your Congressman.

We consider this hearing, which was better attended than most, to be an important milestone in establishing a prestigious public record of the importance of the UFO problem. Much credit is due Dr. McDonald for his efforts which helped make this hearing a reality.

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ated by such objects.

5. A new, relativistic phenomenon. Here Soucek deals with something which most UFO enthusiasts do not care to

consider, having already committed themselves too solidly to the extra-terrestrial thesis. We will quote: "This possibility, as far as I know, was not considered as yet, but in 1952, a German physicist, Burkhardt Heim, presented his mathematical theory and claimed it is possible to prove it by experiment. Starting from the experiments of Frenchman Pages, designer of a flying disc, hovering in an electromagnetic field, and from the theories of Continous Formation and Disappearance of matter, Heim asserts that this matter can exist in an as yet unknown state of "Mezo-field" in between electromagnetic and gravitation force fields. This mezo field can be used in the design of a cosmic disc-shaped craft. Such a craft would be able to travel faster than light and thus become invisible. By proper arrangement of "field drives" which he also computed, the craft would resist deformations from crashes and would be safe for the crew even in case of sudden change of flight direction or speed."

Soucek then goes on to admit that the foregoing is a "wild" theory, but that its author is an otherwise respected scientist. The acceptance of such a theory would mean correction or change of Einstein's theory of Relativity if only for the speeds in excess of the speed of light which are ruled out by the Einstein theory. Heim's "cosmic craft" would also exhibit certain features attributed to present-day UFOs which have been hitherto unexplained in the context of current technology, i.e., the ability to change directions or speeds abruptly, and to appear and disappear in a fraction of a second.

And then Soucek mentions the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, "probably the most popular and exciting" and says it should not be left out. He goes on to discuss the various possibilities involved.

Last but not least of Soucek's considered theories is the theory that our sons or grandsons are traveling into the past and that it is their ships which are currently being seen.

It is to be hoped that this will not be the last we will hear of Dr. Soucek, and in view of Czechoslovakia's current political problems we can only hope that scientific information will not fall victim to the recently instituted censorship.

New Planet

Italian Astronomer Raffaele Bendandi has announced in Faenza, Italy his discovery of a new planet which orbits between Mercury and the Sun at a distance of 25 million, 260 kilometers from the Sun, and which rotates around the Sun in 25 days and 10 hours, approximately.

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about 15 meters (50 feet). The fourth little figure then disappeared into the sphere in the same manner as the other three. As the sphere rose from the ground a low, fairly sharp "hissing" noise was heard, mingled with a noise like a breeze blowing which neither of the children felt.

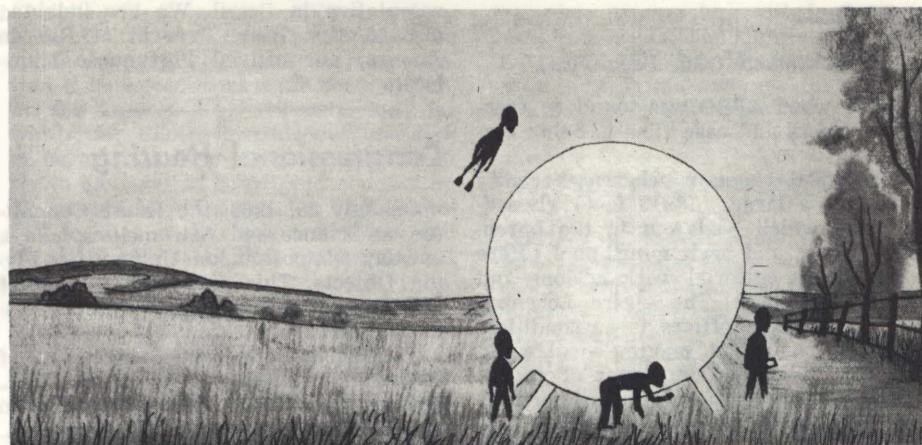
The object described a few more circles, still rising, and the intensity of the light emitted by the object increased greatly. Then the noise stopped and the sphere made off at full speed into the Northwest. At the same time that all of this was happening, a smell of sulphur was detected by the children and the cows began to bellow and become uneasy. The dog Medor was barking and appeared to want to follow the object. Francois and Anne Marie, because of the cows' upset, were obliged to bring them in a half hour before the usual time.

Details of the sphere are poor, probably because of the brilliance of the light. It was a perfect sphere, the children said, about two meters in diameter (6½ feet approximately), a very bright silvery color with no inscriptions, protrusions or openings that could be seen. Anne Marie claimed that she saw four stilt-like legs supporting the sphere, but Francois did not. Francois felt that Anne Marie might have mistaken some branches in the bushes for legs.

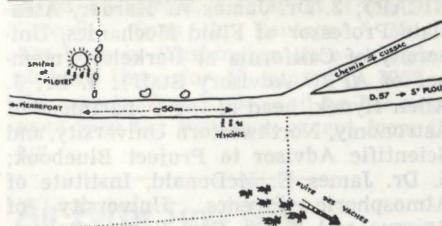
The details of the creatures are very interesting and quite detailed: They were about 1 meter, 20 centimeters (3½-4 feet) in height, but all were not of the same height. The first and the second (see sketches) are the smallest and the largest was the fourth. The children could not discern whether the black color was the color of their skin or if they were wearing suits of some kind, but they did not note any visible border line between a possible garment and the creatures' heads, which appeared to be bare.

The arms were a little long and slender, and no hands were noted. The legs were short and slender, and the "feet" of the fourth, when he caught up with the sphere, appeared to be webbed. Although the head appeared to be normal in size relative to the body, the skull was pointed and the chin very marked. The nose was also pointed (according to Anne Marie). Both Francois and Anne Marie agreed that the little creatures sported a "beard." It was situated on each side of the head, with a little tuft under the chin. No eyes or mouth were evident. Neither was there any indication of an apparatus which enabled the creatures to "fly".

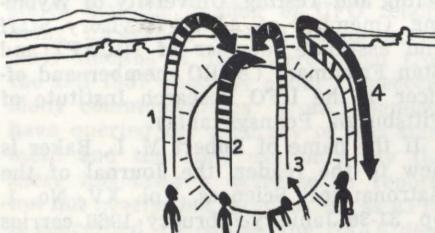
This incident was investigated and written for "Phénomènes Spatiaux" by Joel Mesnard and Claude Pavé who pointed out that minute differences were found in the testimony of the children, but which could be accounted for by lack



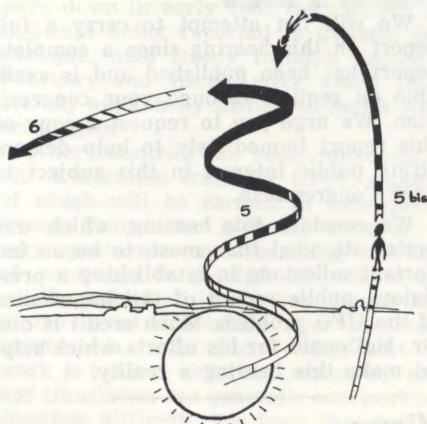
DRAWING NO. 1 shows position of sphere and "little men" on the ground. See story on Page 1 and at left.



DRAWING NO. 2 illustrates ground plan of sighting. Note sphere, little men at upper left, children and dog below road at center and cows at lower right.



DRAWING NO. 3 depicts paths of little men as they flew, then dived into sphere. Note difference in size.



DRAWING NO. 4 shows path of fourth little man as he dives into sphere, as well as motion and path of sphere at take-off.

of attention, etc. of one or the other. Their attempts to confuse the children and thereby cause them to contradict one another were of no use—both seemed very sure of what they had witnessed.

We would like to state that this is one of the most detailed and carefully investigated occupant cases we have had the pleasure to examine and the staff of G.E.P.E. are to be congratulated on its presentation.

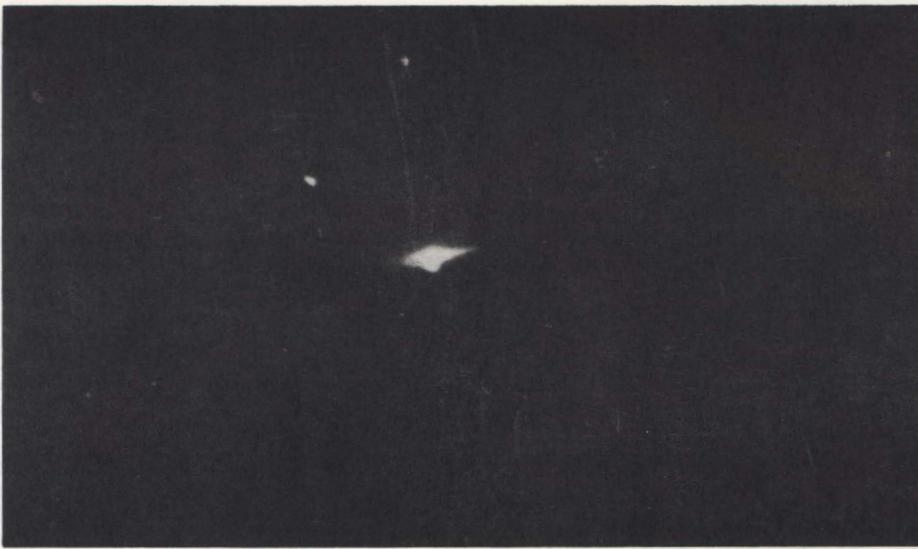
Object Heats Up Boat In N.S.

On the 4th of May Captain Woodrow Atwood, skipper of the fishing boat "Which Way In" had a puzzling experience with a lighted object at 8 p.m. about one and a half hours south of Seal Island.

Atwood said that he was watching the compass when he spotted a light to the north which appeared about the size of a "match light." "Suddenly," he said, "it burst into a blood red light and appeared to be about 50 to 75 yards away and coming towards the boat." As Atwood watched, heat apparently from the object became so intense that he had to move away from the window. After that, the object floated overhead for about five minutes and then lowered and seemed to float away from the boat and toward "Brown's Bank." Atwood radioed anyone listening to tell of his experience and was answered by the skipper of the "Racer" who said that his crew had just called him to report that a huge ball of red light had just missed the spars of the boat when it passed over. Atwood told reporters later that the heat from the light was so intense that he had expected his boat to be "burned" before the object left, and crew member William Nickerson, also aboard the "Which Way In" said that it was a "frightening experience."

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The Alvial Photos

Mr. Pablo Petrowitsch S., APRO's new representative for Chile, has forwarded the full report of the photos taken at the "El Inferinillo" Observatory in Chile, one of which is shown above. The basic details:

Since October 1967, technicians operating the cosmic ray instruments at the observatory have been observing a series of luminous phenomena which have been given the designation F.P.E. (Phenomena Requiring Explanation) by Observatory chief Professor Gabriel Alvial C. The phenomena have the appearance of stars of a magnitude Zero to one, move about and hover in space. Some of the photographs taken during a static period of the phenomena show luminous rings of Fresnel diffraction.

The El Fiernillo Observatory is a part of the Faculty of Physical Science and Mathematics of the University of Chile and is located at an altitude of 4,343 meters (13,600 feet) in the Cordillera de los Andes, at latitude 33 degrees, 10 minutes south and 70 degrees, 17 minutes west.

The above photograph was taken from the Observatory at 01:35 hours G.M.T. on May 17, 1968 and is one of three photographs taken over a period of 60 minutes of a flickering light. The smaller light showing above and to the left of the phenomenon corresponds to that of the El Roble Observatory which is almost 100 kilometers from El Inferinillo and is located at an altitude of about 2000 meters.

Professor Alvial states that the Cosmic Radiation Center prefers not to use the terms OVNI (Spanish for UFO) or UFOs or other terms in its search for an explanation of these "possible natural phenomena."

Currently, the Center is canvassing various foreign and international institutions for funds by which to purchase and install a space scanning camera, the cost of which is estimated to be about

\$35,000 and includes one year's operating costs.

Any further details which may be available on this case will be published in the near future. We might say that this is the first time, to our knowledge that any government-supported institution has released for public consumption a photograph and related information about a UFO.

A Classical Saucer In The Swedish Skies

Caceres

by K. Gosta Rehn

Among all the puzzling reports about close encounters with flying saucers, it is quite a diversion to receive a clean-cut observation of a saucer in the skies.

In the evening of November 12th my telephone rang and the dentist, Dr. Borje Rindborg told me the following story:

Dr. Borje Rindborg as well as his wife, Svea, also a dentist, have their practitioner's offices in Falun, the main city of Dalarna, while enjoying as their home a cottage in Hosjo, a village about 5 miles from the city. On October 19th, at 7 in the morning, their boy, age 11, had arisen from his bed and peeped out of the window. His cry: "Look, a flying saucer!" brought the whole family to the windows. The sunrise had just taken place half an hour before. Now they all marvelled at the object they saw for 3 minutes.

When at first closest to view it seemed large as the moon. Later its size appeared to measure about one decimeter (4 inches) across at an arm's length distance. In the shadow it had a silvery shine, climbing up higher over the woods the sun gave it a golden luster. Everybody noticed plainly the disc-like form of the craft and the domelike elevation in the center. There was a hazy glow around the edges that seemed rather grooved or furrowed. It went rather low over the woods, then climbed to about 30 degrees, hovered motionless for a while; finally it made a sharp turn while tilting on edge, rushed across the nearby

lake until lost in view. Momentarily, it looked as if it was going to land.

With a view of forestalling possible back-fires from the professional disbelievers in the Defense I prepared a transcript of the story and supplied it with probing questions. Dr. Rindborg returned the sheet to me, duly supplied with his answers. The story as heard by me was okayed. His answers to my questions were as follows:

Direction when you first saw it? Answer: West. Direction when you last saw it? Answer: West-northwest. The sky, weather, wind, temperature? Answer: Sky partly cloudy in the west, for the rest clear, visibility clear, no wind, some plus-degrees (Celsius). Viewed the object through glasses? Answer: No.

Could it have been:

A cloud formation, illuminated by the sun? Answer: Definitely no!

The planet Venus, which at that time glittered as a morning star in the sky? Answer: Definitely no!

A weather balloon or pibal radiosond with parachute? Answer: Definitely not.

Velocity? Answer: Very difficult to estimate. However, we could very easily follow its motions, until it disappeared behind the treetops.

Before Oct. 19th you, your wife and your boy had only superficially read about flying saucers? Answer: Yes.

None of you was influenced by flying saucer stories in your observation? Answer: No.

Estimate of size is of course impossible when you do not know the distance. The saucer looked pretty close to the observers, but even if you take the distance to the saucer as one mile, my guess would be a saucer of considerable size, say 60 to 90 feet (20-30 m).

Dr. Rindborg's report to me was occasioned by the fact that he had gotten hold of my saucer book and was struck by the similarities between my descriptions and his observation, for which reason he now was firmly convinced that he and his family had seen a *real* classical flying saucer.

'Cigar' Sighted in Pa.

A 48-year-old housewife living in East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, a rural community, has reported to an APRO member that she observed a cigar-shaped object suspended motionless in the air about 30 degrees above the horizon on the 3rd of June 1968. No details could be discerned, other than that it was elongated and glowed with a steady "orange-red" color. The time was 8:30 p.m., the sky was clear and there was no wind. The woman said she watched it for about a minute until it seemed to fade from sight. No movement was seen, it merely faded out. Its apparent size was slightly larger than a 50c piece held at arm's length.

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A Reasonable Approach

Four well-known UFO-involved individuals have passed away since the beginning of the mystery in 1947. We have recently received speculation and hints that perhaps there may have been something sinister at work where the demise of these four men is concerned. Of course, we cannot speak for everyone, but being familiar with the various personalities involved, we can make an educated analysis of the situation. The four men are M. K. Jessup (astronomer and mathematician—NOT a Doctor, as some have reported), Professor Charles Maney of Defiance, Ohio, formerly of APRO's staff, the late Frank Edwards who wrote the best-seller "Flying Saucers—Serious Business," and our own Dr. Olavo T. Fontes who from 1957 until his death in May represented APRO in Brazil.

Jessup allegedly committed suicide, and we have no reason not to believe the police who investigated his untimely death. We do know that Mr. Jessup was a bitterly disillusioned man because of his inability to accomplish what he set out to do in UFO research. He may have had personal problems about which none of us are aware.

Professor Charles Maney was an elderly man and was in ill health prior to his death.

Mr. Edwards was a man who was on the "go" all of the time, writing, doing his radio program and lecturing. His doctors had apparently advised a rest, and, as quite often happens, when he slowed his pace his heart failed.

Dr. Fontes died of cancer. Without going into the awful details, there is no doubt of what happened to him, and the doctors attending him until his death were his own trusted colleagues. Olavo himself would have resented any inference that something untoward had caused his death, and we would like to put to rest any such conjectures. Mrs. Fontes visited the Lorenzens in the middle of July during which time she related the details of his terrible illness and death and his determination to live. His cancer was the worst type and he, himself, had neglected his own physical condition; there was nothing mysterious about it at all.

It seems that there are some fringe area individuals who, lacking sufficient coverage of the global UFO situation, must rely on rumor and mysterious "men in black," etc., in order to spice up their writings. The supposition that the four above mentioned men died in some mysterious way brought about by equally mysterious entities is about on the par with the hoax which is called the "Alende Letters."

Another ridiculous revelation was that of a small "fanzine" which, in August of last year, printed the silly rumor that Dr. Fontes was an agent of the C.I.A. According to Dr. Walter Buhler of Rio, in a letter to a contactee cultist in California, Fontes had met with Buhler and

Christian Vogt, another UFO investigator and had said that there would be funds available to Buhler for investigation if he would work with Fontes. This, on the face of it, is too ridiculous for words, for Fontes had his own network of reporters and investigators and could fly to any spot in Brazil and conduct an on-the-spot investigation. Dr. Fontes himself laughed at Buhler's accusation, and Mr. Vogt has stated that nothing of that sort was said at all.

The most despicable part of the aforementioned rumor-mongering is that the editor who published the accusation against Dr. Fontes did not bother to check with the two other individuals who were present at the meeting—Dr. Fontes and Mr. Vogt. Buhler's accusation about Dr. Fontes is about as irresponsible as his recent statement that Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, is an agent of the C.I.A. "possibly from the Pentagon." Mr. L. has been in Washington once—his plane stopped there for 40 minutes in 1957 on the way to New York—and he has never even seen the Pentagon except from the air.

Air Force Says UFO Reports Down 75 Percent

A recent report out of Bluebook at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, states that the number of UFO reports being forwarded to that group in the early months of 1968 were down from the fall 1967 quota by about 75 percent. Many communications from members have queried the accuracy of this statement and the staff can only say that there has been a decrease in reports, but not nearly that large, as far as APRO is concerned. Of course, the USAF deals mainly with domestic reports, whereas our coverage is global. Also, recent adverse publicity may have affected the number of reports from people who do not feel they can trust the USAF. At any rate, whereas domestic (U.S.) reports were down in early 1968 the number of sightings being reported in Canada, for example, held steady through January, February and March, after which UFO activity apparently shifted to South America again.

Other countries are receiving quite a bit of attention from the UFOs, reports of which will be carried in subsequent issues. Translation is being done on a very spectacular and revealing sighting of occupants in the fall of 1967 which will be published in our next issue. One of our great difficulties here at Headquarters is translation — this sort of work is tedious and time-consuming and our translators are generally overworked. Another difficulty has been the gratifying response to renewal statements which we won't apologize for because we are sure the membership understands.

We do expect further heavy UFO activity in the coming months and hope

that the membership will forward reports and/or leads on sightings as quickly as they are available so that our investigation teams can get to work before the trails get cold.

Two Under Investigation

The spring flap in South America has yielded three very interesting incidents, both of which involved hospitals, of all things. The first, which took place in July, was a landing in the vicinity of a hospital at Sao Paulo, was allegedly witnessed by "several dozens of witnesses." The object came down to the ground and landed on legs, and a ladder came out from underneath. At this point a young boy began running toward the disc, then the ladder receded up into the craft and it took off. We expect complete details from Professor Pereira momentarily and this incident will be dealt with extensively in the next issue.

The second incident took place at Mendoza, Argentina in August. A nurse at a local hospital watched a mushroom-shaped object land in the courtyard of Mendoza's neuropsychiatric hospital, said her ears buzzed and she had to put her hands over her eyes to protect them from the light. After a few minutes, she said, she took a look and saw that the object which had been bright red before, was now flashing blue and red lights and was flying away. A burned-looking grey spot about 30 by 80 centimeters (30-12 inches) was found where she said the thing had landed. Doctors who examined the 46-year-old nurse said the woman is in good condition but that she had been exposed to radiation though not at an intense level. The statement about the radiation was released by an Argentine Atomic Energy Commission scientist. We expect further details on this episode at a later date also.

At press time another very strange incident was reported from Sao Paulo and forwarded by Mrs. Granchi of Rio. This sighting is being investigated by Dr. Max Berezowski, M.D. of CBPCAONI and the full report, if it holds up under scrutiny will be printed in a later edition of the Bulletin.

An attendant at a Sanatorium in Lins, State of Sao Paulo reported to hospital authorities that a "pleasant" woman of medium height, wearing strange silvery clothing and a hood, appeared at the Sanatorium, pointing to the water filter (purifier) and repeated the word "baura" which the attendant could not understand. The language spoken by the woman was completely unknown, she said. When the woman left, the attendant followed her and saw her boarding a pear-shaped vehicle which hovered at about 1 meter (40 inches) off the ground. The object then took off and disappeared into the sky within a few seconds. Other individuals in the area

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also allegedly saw the UFO. The attendant told authorities that she does not read science fiction, does not even have a television, and is sorry that she even reported the incident for she has been subjected to much ridicule. The date of the incident was August 26, and it took place at night.

On the face of it, and without the experience which APRO old-timers have had, one might instantly conclude that the foregoing instances are the product of demented minds or hoaxers. However—we have said since 1965 that the UFO problem has gone into a new phase and, as Dr. Fontes stated last fall during the Lorenzens' last visit with him, "We have many surprises ahead of us." This may be just the beginning.

Around The World

At this writing information on what may be another "wave" is coming into APRO Headquarters from South America. As soon as the sightings are read and logged, they will be considered for inclusion in our next issue. In this column we will present sightings (some of which are dated) available in areas of the world with the exception of the U.S. and Canada.

Mexico City, 25 March. Dr. Jose de Jesus Fonseca and his wife, also a Doctor, were driving in the vicinity of avenues Division del Norte and Rio Churubusco, south of Mexico City at about 00:25 or 00:30 (shortly after midnight) when they sighted a round-shaped, luminous object traveling at great speed. The object had a halo around its circumference, the rear portion of which continued into a long tail which was three times longer than the object itself. The object was compared in size to a watermelon held at arm's length and the witnesses said it seemed to fly directly over the Olympic Pool. After the sighting the observers called the Mexico International Airport to report it, not quite certain that it was not an aircraft in trouble. Airport personnel said they, too, had observed the object and were puzzled as to its identity and that there were no aircraft in the air at that time.

Mt. Hawthorn, Perth, Australia, 15 March. Mrs. Hazel Franklin reports that at 3:30 a.m. on this date she woke up, hearing a purring, mechanical noise which seemed to pervade the air. Getting out of bed, she went to a window and observed a black, oval-shaped object from the bottom of which emanated a bright golden light which lit up several houses in the vicinity. She placed the object to the southwest just above trees beside Lake Monger, and said it appeared to be about the size of an airplane. Its speed as it left the area was so fast she felt it could not have been an ordinary aircraft.

Sundsvall-Harnosand, Sweden, 8 April. Mrs. Margaretha Svenson, 30, was driv-

ing between the two afore-mentioned cities on the 8th of April when a glowing light between the trees approached her car and lodged itself on the hood for several minutes. The light from the thing was blinding and the car radio went dead. Mrs. Svensen's bare arm was protruding outside the car window and the day after her experience she found a burn on her arm for which she could not account. It was not painful, and when she went to a doctor to discover what it was, he probed it and there was still no sensation of pain. It slowly healed with no apparent bad aftereffects.

Sliema, Malta, 18 April. APRO's Malta representative, David Brinkworth and two others observed a very fast flying light at 9:15 p.m. It was approaching from the Southern part of the island, and when over the three observers it appeared to change course. Other friends of Brinkworth whom he talked to later described seeing a similar light at the same time, which zig-zagged, flew in a straight line, then zig-zagged and shot off into the east. Brinkworth's view of the object was blocked by buildings shortly after he saw it change course.

Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. 20 April. Four civilian employees (one an engineer) at a Missile re-entry, Airborne photography and data gathering installation, observed an unidentified light during an open air movie. Wind was from the NNE at 10-20 knots, temperature was 82 degrees, barometric pressure 29.78, humidity 78-86%, and visibility unlimited. The light took approximately 45 seconds to travel from zenith to the horizon, and was first seen overhead—about the apparent size of the planet Jupiter. It travelled from WSW to NNE, went through Orion, Gemini, under Ursa Major, made no maneuvers, flew in a straight line. A brilliant white light flashed at 1 second intervals, much like a strobe flash, throughout the observation. It was seen at first at 2010 hours and the observers watched until 0100, and it did not return which it should have had it been some type of satellite. One of the observers, very well qualified, reports it as unidentified.

Argentina

Catamarca, Argentina, 26 December 1967: Newlywed couple claimed they observed a UAO which moved at great speed and low altitude at 4 a.m. Couple on their way to Aconquija and when they reached a hill called Dolla Chirca they noticed a brilliant purple light which occasionally turned bright green, near the ground. They stopped to observe it and it lifted up into the air. Frightened, they got into the car and drove at high speed and the object followed them for a few minutes, then ascended into the air and out of sight in the distance.

Concepcion del Uruguay, 24 January 1968: Residents watched a large glowing object in the sky which moved across

the area in a southeasterly direction. It stopped and hovered once, then flew on at great speed. No sound. Object's presence coincided with an unexplained power failure in a high tension line.

Termas de Copahue, 23 January: Numerous people reported seeing a luminous object land in an inaccessible area at 12:30 a.m. Four hours later it took off straight up and disappeared from sight. While object was on the ground two unexplained blackouts took place. Two days after the incident people searched the area and found an area 590 feet in diameter which was burned, also some viscous material which reportedly was sent to Buenos Aires for examination.

Objects Over D.R. And P.R.

At Constanza, Dominican Republic, on the 10th of August, a woman and several other people reported seeing one silver and two yellow unidentified flying objects. More details forthcoming.

In Yauco, Puerto Rico on August 12, two police patrols spotted a strange flying object which they described as a "shiny object" observed at 9 p.m. The light from the thing illuminated the area and it made two sharp turns during the observation. The round, shiny, silent object, was "as bright as if we had full moon," they said, and after making the two turns flew into the south. Our thanks to Sebastian Robiou Lamarche for these reports.

New Zealand

Orewa, February: No definite date. An oblong white object which appeared to be at high altitude was observed for about a minute as it flew over at high speed, at about 1 p.m. Traveling roughly south to north, object moved very fast, until it suddenly stopped and seemed to hover momentarily over Kawau Island, then shot back over Orewa again. Then it climbed into the sky vertically and disappeared from sight.

Yugoslavia

Ivangrad, Yugoslavia, 23 November: Residents reported having seen unidentified objects which they feel are responsible for six forest fires in the area during the preceding week. One witness said an object with lights blinded him while driving his truck and that one hung close to the ground for about 15 minutes before taking off vertically and disappearing from sight.

From Russia

A Soviet Air Force pilot has reported that while on night patrol flight over Odessa on April 4, 1968, a UAO appeared on his plane radar screen. The object suddenly started to descend swiftly, first

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from 50,000 to 29,000 meters altitude in the first 15 minutes, then 25,000 to 17,600 meters in the next 15 minutes. He said he reported to all monitoring stations through the USSR, where some screens also registered the UAO.

At the time the above incident made headlines a famous Soviet pilot who was Chief Navigator of the Soviet Polar Air Fleet disclosed an experience he had in 1956: He said that while flying in a TU-4 for meteorological purposes over Cape Morris Jessup, on the Greenland Coast, "we went through the clouds when all of a sudden we sighted a UAO flying parallel to our route." He said also that it looked like a giant pearly-colored lens with wavy edges. He and his crew at first thought it was a new American plane and said, "since we were on a kind of spying mission we banked into the clouds to avoid an encounter. After a bit they went above the clouds again, saw the object which appeared to be closer, and started toward it. At this point the object took off at high speed and disappeared into the distance.

Venezuela

Guanipa Plateau, 22 December 1967: A luminous object in east-west flight seen by many Indians as well as several taxi drivers. It hovered just a few feet above the ground, then moved off until out of sight. Herds of mules and horses stampeded wildly while the object was there.

Acarigua, 18 December: State Senator Jeremias Pinto viewed a UAO in Portuguesa. He was in his car at 5:00 p.m., saw strong beams of light coming from a clearing in the bushes and heard a strange noise. At the moment that he approached the bushes five glowing objects took off up into the air. Pinto was so startled that he nearly crashed his car.

Porlamar, Margarita Island, 21 February 1968: The transmission of a radio station on this island was disrupted during the passage of a UAO at about 5:45 a.m. Mr. Morao, the radio announcer, said that the object which flew over was round, made no noise and gave off light which resembled tentacles. Morao was connecting the transmitters, which he does each morning when he first spotted the object which appeared at first as a bright star. As he made out its strange configuration, however, he realized it was unusual. As it came closer, and flew over the antenna, he heard a small explosion. He later found that one of the resistors was burned out, and attributed it to the passing of the UAO.

Caracas, Venezuela, 23 February: Three oval-shaped objects with a yellow glow on the tops and giving off red and blue light beams on the sides, crossed above the Avila Mt. from north to west at high altitude. V-formation.

Jakarta, Indonesia, May 4: An unidentified flying object caused many inhabitants in the town of Lake Poso, in the Celebes Islands to panic, thinking the world had ended. According to press releases there had been nightly displays of unidentified objects over the area.

Naples, Italy, 8 May: A luminous object crossed the skies above Naples early in the morning, headed in a northwest direction. It was at high altitude and was seen by many workers on their way to the factories.

La Union, Chile, 14 June: A eerie beam of light which appeared to emanate from the ground, reaching 3,000 feet into the air, was observed by residents of this city. The beam, which split into two separate beams at 3,000 feet, was seen and photographed by a professional cameraman. In the photo it appears as a luminous cloud, and the photographer described it as an ascendant paraboloid in a point of the sky which was clear in contrast to the darker clouds which at the time, (10 a.m.) hung over the city. The wind was from the north and the thing looked like the trail of a jet. At first it was a golden white continuous line but it split up in to a letter Y shape and blurred and disappeared. No aircraft aloft to account for the phenomenon.

Mendiola, Argentina, 15 June: A 35-year-old machinist in this city noticed a bright light outside his house at 3 a.m., and upon investigating he saw what appeared to be a passenger bus, or something of that shape, with a dimly lit tower and the underside illuminated by bright yellow, green and red lights perched upon or hovering over a tree. When he approached the object, it rose and took off into the night sky at high speed. A neighbor reported separately to authorities that at about 3 a.m., she had been awakened by a bright light which bathed her room and she connected with the intense heat she felt at the same time.

Brazil

Pueblo Ledesma, 2 February: Observers reported disc-shaped object with a blue nucleus and orange band around the middle just before midnight. Forty minutes later another similar object was reported over the city.

Itacuruca, 26 January 1968: Residents at this beach resort including Ludovico Granchi, (son of Mrs. Irene Granchi, APRO member) and his wife, observed a brilliant light much like Venus travelling from southeast to northwest with an undulating motion.

Barra Da Tijuca, 11 February: Dr. Fernando Moneiro, an attorney and journalist, spotted an unusual brightness coming from the hillside of Barra da Tijuca. Said he felt strangely drawn to the light, then noticed a circular object inside the glow which was "suspended" in an inaccessible spot at the top of the hill and

emitting silvery, bluish signals. He called Cruz' (his host) attention to it. Then both noticed that the object was within 500 meters distance from a TV or Radio transmitter tower on another hill. After ten minutes of trying to explain the object away as a car reflecting the sun's rays (it was 6 p.m.) the object suddenly took off in vertical flight at tremendous speed and disappeared up into the sky.

New Mystery in Colorado

Town Marshal Felix Gallegos of Sanford, Colorado is mystified concerning the "red balls" which he reports he saw taking off from a nearby farm on the 7th of May. He reports that he arrived home that night, looked out the picture window and saw a red ball or light zoom from the ground into the sky. Seconds later another similar object followed the same course. At this point he called to his wife and children and they arrived in time to see a third red object take off "in a straight line headed south about six feet off the ground." Then, according to Gallegos, he and his wife and children witnessed about five more objects which departed the ground, some going straight up into the air and others taking off at about a 45 degree angle. Gallegos said the mysterious objects seemed to be taking off from the Keith Morsch farm which is located about 1/4 mile from the Gallegos home. He called Mrs. Morsch who said she also saw the objects which appeared, from her vantage point, to be about two blocks from her house. Examination of the ground from which the objects apparently took off yielded nothing.

Cops Spot Crescent In Mo.

Two Webb City, Missouri policemen spotted a crescent-shaped object at 10:25 p.m. on the night of August 4 which was north of U.S. Highway 171 and west of Webb City. The patrolmen estimated that the object was 35 to 40 feet across and said that its color ranged from orange to red. One of the men, who saw the object first, thought it was the moon until it started moving into the north after which it hung over the airport, then moved out of sight. Just a few minutes later it reappeared and seemed to be about 50 feet above the ground and it finally dropped from sight behind some trees north of the airport and "appeared to land."

The above sighting is only one of many received at this office within the last 6-week period and illustrates the type of sightings which were reported in the United States during the summer of 1968.

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